

One of Her Riches: 'The Opportunity to Serve'



Sister Marie Raymond, RSM, staff member at Steuben County Mental Health Clinic, Bath, interviews patient.

Bath — "You're a Sister, aren't you? People like you should be married and bringing up children — you would do a good job. Your kids wouldn't have problems."

"If I were married and had a husband and children to be responsible for, I couldn't be here listening to you on a Saturday afternoon."

"Is that what it's all about — your being available all the time?"

That's what it's all about, at the Steuben County Mental Health Clinic here where Sister Marie Raymond of the Sisters of Mercy is a fulltime staff member.

A psychiatric nurse with a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Sister works as part of a team consisting of a fulltime director, a clinical psychologist, a public health nurse, and a part-time psychiatric social worker. A secretary, receptionist, and two typists complete the staff.

Although she works from 9 to 5 and schedules regular appointments, there are no "typical" days on Sister Marie Raymond's calendar, except, perhaps, for the fact that at least one emergency daily might be called a typical pattern.

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Sister Marie Raymond lives at St. Ann's Convent in Hornell and commutes daily to Bath except on Friday, when she and the doctor work with

patients at St. James Mercy Hospital in Hornell.

"The opportunity to serve, to get involved with people at the level of emotional illness, is one of the riches of the work I do," Sister reflects. "Our patients come from all walks and works of life. Emotional illness is no respecter of age, either: children, teenagers, adults, both men and women — all come seeking help, and all receive it."

An auxiliary effort born of the need for aiding patients to maintain progress in the transition period is Friendship House, of which Sister Marie Raymond is founder and director. Here men and women who are concerned with other meet each Monday to enjoy an evening of relaxation and conversation, helping those who have a need to relearn social skills.

Sister pays tribute to people like George and Dorothy Andrews, who made arrangements

for the group to use the Spencer Methodist Church Hall for meetings, and who conduct the sessions, obtain passes to the local theater and arrange bowling parties. Credit is also due Reverend Robert McIntyre, pastor of Spencer Methodist, for making his church available through Friendship House, and the Steuben County Mental Health Association which funds the project.

A member of the National League for Nursing, the General Valley League for Nursing, the Psychiatric Council, and delegate member to the Hornell Council of Churches, Sister Marie Raymond has published articles in Review for Religious, Perspectives in Psychiatric Care, Sponsa Regis, Ideals, and National Anthology of Poetry. She also is chairman of the Community Health Council for the Rochester Sisters of Mercy.

She received her R.N. at St.

Mary's Hospital School of Nursing in Rochester, bachelor of science in nursing at Duquesne University, and master of nursing at the University of Pittsburgh. Her background in guidance and counseling, as well as in teaching seven years at Notre Dame High School in Elmira, stands her in good stead with adolescent patients at the clinic.

Sister wears contemporary dress at work, retaining the veil. She believes there is still value in our society at this time for some outward sign of witness of the church, but would not hesitate to remove the veil if it proved a barrier for a patient.

"A sign is, of its essence, for others," she remarks. "I need no veil to know I am a Christian, living the religious life. I too am a sign, and so I should be 'for others' as they need me, not as I need to be."

Monks Defect From Cong

By FATHER PATRICK J. BURKE, S.S.C. (NC News Service)

Salmon — A Viet Cong attempt to force five young Buddhist monks to become guerrillas failed when the monks came over to the government side less than 24 hours after being taken from their monastery.

The five, all born in South Vietnam of Cambodian parents, were presented to the press along with a 72-year-old Vietnamese who spent two years working for the Viet Cong in an agricultural cadre.

The aged Vietnamese, Nguyen Van Thoi, said the Viet Cong asked him to join two years ago and he was afraid to refuse. It was his duty to collect rice or money from the local people. For each 880 pounds harvested, the farmer had to give the Viet Cong 176 pounds or the equivalent in honey, he said.

Observing a group of five strangers hiding weapons, he told his son, who works for the South Vietnamese government. For this, the government paid him over \$8,000.

The five Buddhist monks escaped in a party of 17 people, bringing with them the weapons they had been issued. The youngest is 18 and the oldest 21.

The monks said they were worried about the villagers. The pagoda enjoyed a good reputation with them and the head monk was respected. If the young monks joined the Viet Cong, this would help the Viet Cong to win over the people, something the monks did not want. The five now hope to rejoin their pagoda.

St. James Hospital Readies New Obstetrical Department

Hornell — The obstetrical department, part of St. James Mercy Hospital's \$3,366,000 west wing, was visited Sunday by more than 500 guests, who braved icy weather to attend an "open house" of the new section.

Patients will be admitted to the new section in a few days, according to Sister Mary Valerian, supervisor, who stated that finishing touches must be completed and the entire section "scrubbed" before the first expectant mother may be admitted.

Accommodations for 12 patients are "alive with warm tempered tones in a variety of colors" carried out in the furnishings, drapes and spreads. Rooms are equipped with TV, nurse call, telephones, lavatory, shower and nurse server.

There are four nurseries. Two, each with bassinets for eight babies, will be used on a

rotating basis. They are equipped with oxygen and vacuum and humidity control.

There are two observation nurseries which will be used for babies born outside the delivery area or for babies suspected of developing an illness. A premature nursery is equipped with three isolettes.

A furnished lounge for the new mothers is carpeted in a blending of color tones of lavender, blue and green. Furniture is styled in the contemporary manner in co-ordinating shades. Here mothers may relax or dine with other patients if they choose. There is a waiting room for expectant fathers decorated in bold, manish tones complete with oversized ashtrays.

In this section of the maternity department is also a nursing station equipped with a central board programmed for all calls, as well as a pneumatic tube system connecting all departments in the hospital to

a single network. There is a conference room, physicians' chart room, and clean and soiled holding stations.

Through automatic, magic-eye doors is the delivery area. Here are the three labor rooms, delivery rooms, nurses' and doctors' lounges. Sister Valerian noted that fathers may be with their wives in the labor rooms.

The main delivery room boasts complete new equipment while the second delivery room will house equipment presently being used in the north wing quarters. The second delivery room is used in case of simultaneous deliveries. Both rooms are equipped with X-ray illuminators.

The only masculine note here is the physicians' quarters, which contain a lounge room, two sleeping rooms, and shower facilities. A private hallway from the doctors' area leads to the scrub and delivery rooms.

Month Trial Period for Monks

Glasgow, Scotland — (NC) — Men who want to try the life of a Benedictine monk can now do so during their summer holiday, or for periods of up to a month, in an experiment at the 13th-century Plascard Priory, near Elgin, Morayshire.

"We feel there are many who are uncertain about their vocation and who do not wish to interrupt their studies or give up a job," says the prior, the Very Rev. Alfred Spencer, O.S.B.

Formerly a man applied for a six-month acceptance as a postulant. If he wished to continue after that time, he entered the novitiate for a year, and then took temporary vows for a period of three years.

The experiment of "joining" for periods up to a month has been tried successfully on the Continent, but is being introduced to Scotland for the first time.

The life a newcomer (postulant) would lead for the new trial period would be: 5 a.m. rise and join in community worship. Breakfast is at 7 a.m. instruction and spiritual direction is given for an hour, then more prayer, followed by work in the house and grounds.

The monks are expert fruit growers, keep bees and do all their own laundry and maintenance. They sell their strawberries, raspberries, and red and black currants to visitors. One monk is noted for his stained glass work. Lunch consists of egg or fish dishes, with meat three times a week. The rest of the day is spent in spiritual reading, and community worship and work. Supper is at 7 p.m. The monks retire to their cells at 8:45 p.m.

Recreation periods consist of walking, conversation and minor chores. Postulants wear a black cassock and a leather belt, with a cloak for cold weather.

force some 30 miles south of Da Nang.

He left the shelter of a shell crater during a withering enemy mortar attack, crawled from man to man in his outfit, giving the last rites to the dying, ministering to the wounded and comforting the fighting men. He was killed by enemy gunfire.

MAURIC LAURE POPE

Paris — (RNS) — A letter signed by philosopher Francois Mauriac and 14 other prominent French Catholic laymen has been sent to Pope Paul VI supporting the Pope's position on birth control and other issues.

And Father (Capt.) Angelo J. Litkey, 37, M.S.S.S.T., an Army chaplain and peace-time missionary among Negroes who was decorated with the medal last Nov. 19 for heroism while serving in December, 1967, near Phuoc Lac in Vietnam.

Father Capodanno on the fateful 1967 day was with a Marine company which was hit hard by a massive enemy

Charity Ball To Help Handicapped

Elmira — The Ladies of Charity will sponsor a formal dance Feb. 1 in the Mark Twain Hotel to raise money for a rehabilitation center at St. Joseph's Hospital.

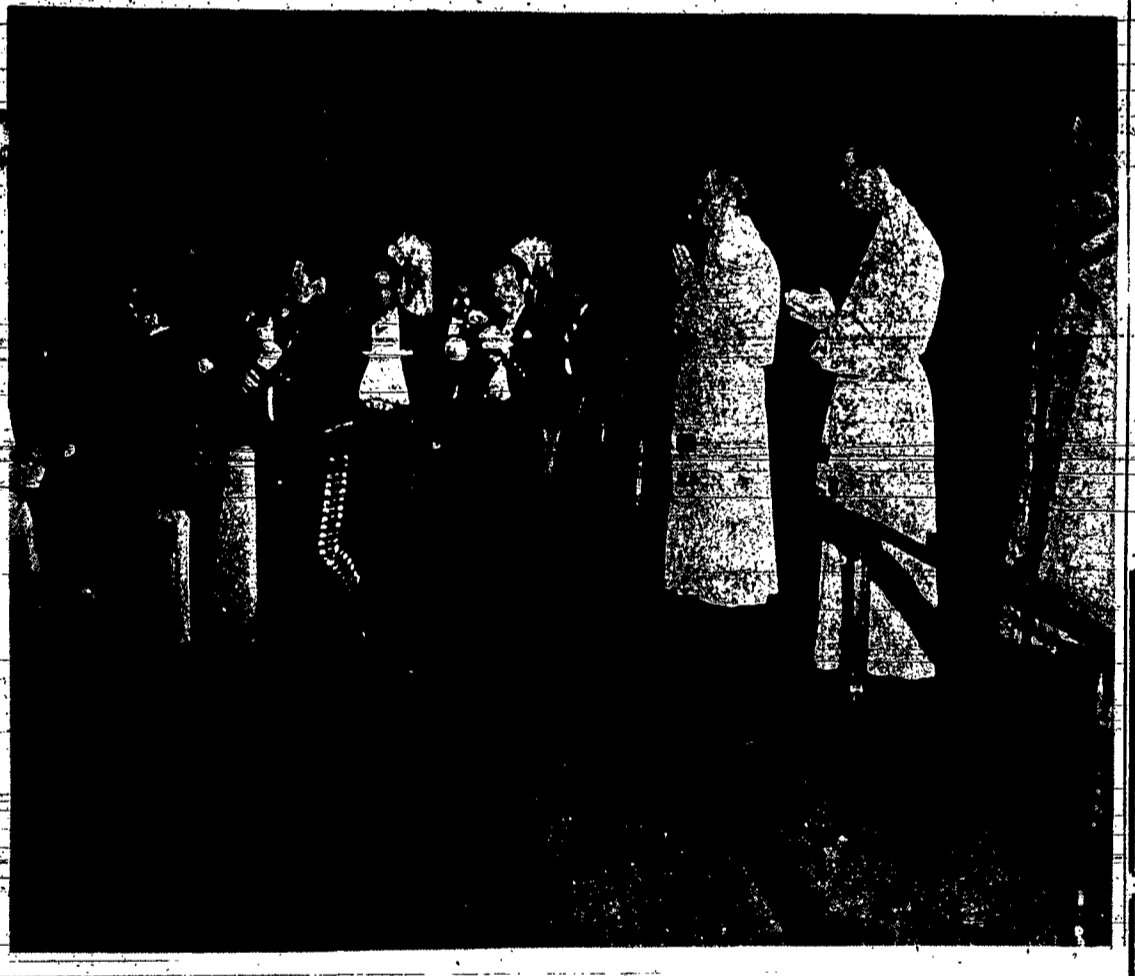
The center, first of its kind in the Southern Tier, will serve handicapped persons in Cheung, Schuyler, Steuben and Allegany counties.

Mr. and Mrs. John Regan are general chairmen of the ball.

Sullivan Named Press Director

Washington — (NC) — John R. Sullivan, national affairs staff reporter for NC News Service, has been named director of press relations for the Division of Information of the United States Catholic Conference (USCC).

Sullivan, 31, will be in charge of USCC's general information functions, which include informing the secular press and broadcast media of the activities of the nation's Roman Catholic hierarchy and assisting them in covering the activities of the Church in the United States.



Strike Up The Band
A mariachi band parades through the Spanish Center in Racine, Wis., during dedication ceremonies which were conducted by Archbishop William E. Cousins, shown at far right. The center, an archdiocesan supported referral agency, provides services for some 5,000 Spanish-speaking persons in the Racine area. (RNS)

Slain Priest-Chaplain Wins Medal of Honor

Washington — (NC) — This nation's highest accolade for its heroes, the Medal of Honor, was awarded posthumously here to a Maryknoll priest who was killed Sept. 4, 1967, while ministering to the dying and wounded of a Marine company during a battle near Da Nang, South Vietnam.

The award went to Father Vincent R. Capodanno, M.M., a Navy chaplain who was serving with the Third Battalion, Fifth U.S. Marine Regiment. A native of Staten Island and ordained in 1968 he became a Marine chaplain in early 1966.

Father Capodanno, 36, was the third chaplain in this nation's history to receive the Medal of Honor. The other two also were priests. They were:

The late Father Joseph T. O'Callahan, S.J., a pacemathematics teacher at Boston College and Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass., whose heroism won him the award while serving as a Navy chaplain aboard the aircraft carrier USS Franklin when it was bombed and torpedoed by Japanese planes in 1945 in the Pacific during World War II.

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- Johnnycake
- Waist
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- Cheese
- abbr.
- Diverse
21. Suffix
- Affirmative vote
- Wine receptacles
- Adjust
- Seaside
- Female horse
- Thus
- Call to attract attention
33. Supervise
- So. Pacific land group: abbr.
- Figure
- Natural cavern
- Rental contract
- Stringed instruments
- Showy flower
- Clothe
- DOWN
- Upstairs
- Washing machine

3. Wild buffalo of India

4. Salad plant

5. Southern state: abbr.

6. Came up of

7. Wander about idly

8. Assam silkworm

9. Jewelry piece

10. Allowance for weight

14. Covey

16. Warmth

19. Girl's name

20. Oriental nurse

21. Knave of clubs

22. Descendant of Eve's partner

23. Eddible roots

26. Diffident

28. Writing implement

29. Prosperity

31. Button

35. Internal point

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